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The Valentine Man. average boy's ambition. The man who writes the valentines-

give us all a whack-I'd like to know just where he lives and drivers was, one cold day in the winter; how he makes 'em rhyme, For I kinder think he's laughin' at the whole world all the time!

the ones in red and black

That sell for just one cent a piece and

When the parson doesn't please him, off he rushes to his post And gives the reverend gentleman th biggest kind o' roast; When the editor gets sassy, he's anoth- ing until he drew up to the tavern door.

er word to say, And he rushes to his lodgings and just writes and writes away!

When the new book agent strikes him and he hasn't got a cent, He does him up in colors with the ma who calls for rent;

When his sweetheart leaves him lone ly, and with 'tother fellow goes, Ie can paint her cheeks with powder and play havoc with her nose! O, he's a jolly fellow! It's no matte

where he dwells; He just rigs the world to suit him in paper cap and bells: 'd like to know just how he lives, and where he makes his rhyme, whole world all the time!

Old Times.

-Atlanta Constitution.

our life in this Valley, the 14th day of fought a duel, and one of those men February was always looked forward to by the old settlers, as ground-hog day, and the weather was watched with interest, for on that day was the day on which the future of the year depended. How anxious they felt for days beforehand. If the day came in envy. Every winter some man in our warm and sunshiny, how sober their neighborhood would hitch up his faces looked; on the other hand, if it horses to a good double sleigh and was cloudy and cold, or stormy, how take in a load of dried apples, or some pleased they looked, for now we know other kind of farm stuff, and go up to have. Now we can begin to make for fresh fish from the ocean. Those ready to sow our oats, for if we can fish when he reached home just get them in, in the month of be frozen as hard as a piece of wood. February, we will make a splendid All of us neighbors would buy all we

We did not know much about Valentine's day at that time: only the old not to be grinned at by those who had settlers would say: "To-day geese and no teeth. Those fish were good. Afducks choose their mates, and squirrels will pair off," and I am in heart with got home, he was the great attraction. the old settlers about the signs. At You would find him at the tavern with that time we did not have any Civil Service Stations all over the country. to take observations of the weather and report by telegraph to all parts of the Mecca. Yes, sir, he was a bigger man habitable world.

As I look back to the early days when we got our mail but once a week, world. Now we think a paper that is three or four days old, is stale news. and we won't stop to look at it, but throw it to one side as being old-way behind the times. No. sir, we want mouldy stuff-it must be fresh. And then we did not know, or even think, the time would come, when we could sitting reading, and put our mouth to most in the road; on reading it, it said, To Compounding Physicians' Prescriptions and Family York or Boston-just as easy as if you were face to face with your friend. Neither did we think of such a thing as a machine that would, thousands of Will take Pleasure in Obtaining for You any Medicine, or miles apart, tell you on a long strip of paper what was being done at the other end of that wire. The first telegraph instruments printed in characters what was said. Those strips of paper could be preserved and filed away for future reference. Neither did we have any of those instruments that will give back the same sounds, that were nade by voice or by instrument, years after they had been first rendered, by putting them in a kind of a machine made for that purpose.

I think some of the early inhabitants had a kind of an inkling of the idea, for I remember when I was a little bit We Have a FINE HEARSE, of a chap, I used to hear the people of that day tell of a man who drove a stage (you known railroads are of modern times; we knew no more of railroads at that early day than we did of the telegraphs or telephones). In those days the stage drivers had a big horn. Some were regular bugles and some were just common tin horns; if the driver was a musician, he would have a regular bugle, that he could play tunes on. I remember a man who drove our stage through Ellington, could play most anything. One of his favorite tunes was, "The Campbells called attention to the disastrous result less are removed out of the way. Prices by all postmasters or newscales." are coming," and I tell you it made attendant on the constant increase in of agricultural produce are already so our young hearts swell when we heard the value of gold-to the ceaseless enand with a grand flourish, how it made to pay their debts. us boys just think when we get to be men | The goldolalors and their organs at we will drive stage, just as every boy the north and east have satisfied them- | world's chief circulating medium-the now wants to go on the cars. That selves up to the present time with comparative scarcity of gold.

now seems to be the height of the

I set out to tell you how the people of early times got a little of the idea of the phonograph. One of those stage it was awful cold when he came to the place on the road where he always commenced to play, he put his lips to the horn and commenced blowing, but no sound could he make come out of the horn; but for all that, he kept on try-As he got down from his high seat on the stage and went in the tavern, he set his bugle by the fire, while he went to the bar to get his dram. All at once his horn commenced to play the tune he had been trying to play for the last mile. You see it was so awful cold the tune froze up in the horn as he played, but as soon as it got thawed out, it played the tune clear through from beginning to end. That's the way I heard it when I was but a bit of a chap, about as big as a hop toad. But then I have never forgotten the good old old stage days, and what a good old For I kinder think he's laughlin' at the time those drivers had. Why, the rest of the world was no where.

I remember our Eph coming into our town one day, and he had in his stage as passengers, two Congressmen Ed. Register-In the early days of Green and Cillery. Afterward, they was killed. I remember Eph, our driver, was a bigger man in the sight of the small boy than Green or Cillery either, and I well remember, that to go down to New York or up to Boston, was enough to make one a subject of ust what kind of a crop year we will Boston and exchange his farm produce wanted or could afford, and I tell you a good fresh fish from the ocean was ter that man had been to Boston and a gaping crowd around him, to hear him tell of the wonderful sights he had seen. Why, it was as good as a trip to

than the Governor. Well, well! How those things will come back to us, after all these many and the news we got would be perhaps years! and how odd it seems to conmonth old, I can hardly realize it. trast the things of that distant day, to That now, in less time than it took a the things of the present! At that time letter to go from Ironton to old Con- it was more of a feat to go to Boston or necticut, we could almost go around the New York, than at the present day to go around the world. Things that we called wonderful at that time, are as nothing now. I can remember any accident would be talked of for weeks and months; for a man to commit some our news from all parts of the world crime, or if a person committed suicide to-day! Now, we don't want any old or some person was killed by accident, it would be the all absorbing topic for

I remember going to Hartford one just go across the room where we were day, I passed a marble monument, ala little thing and talk to some friend "here lies the bones of a boy," (it gave vay down in old Connecticut, or New his name and age) "who fell off a cart and a wheel rolled over his head and killed him." If monuments were put up at all the places where such accidents occurred one would never be out of sight of them. Now every day you see, not only of one, but hundreds of persons being killed, one way and an-I remember one spring evening, just

about the time the little peep frogs began to sing, the sky was overcast with thick clouds. Just as the darkness had well set in, all overhead began to turn red like blood, until the the whole heavens were just as red as blood. Every new and then it would quiver as if something had shaken the clouds. Everybody was out looking at it and wondering what it was the forerunner of. Those things are, in one sense. awful. I remember a great many were as badly frightened as they were at the sight of the meteroic storm, about that time. No one seemed to have any idea what caused those sights, or what they meant. But I remember, it caused a good deal of fun and wonder. But we to increase scarcity of gold must furthas well we can't, is the opinion of T. P. R.

The Appreciation of Gold-What it Means.

Eph begin to play on his bugle a mile largement of debts and interest—to the before he reached our town. And as crushing and merciless grind upon those he came up with his team in full speed who depend on the products of the earth

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broad and blatant denials of the fact that gold has appreciated in value. Yet the fact is so plain that it is hardly necessary to argue it. Why argue with a farmer who knows that a debt which he could formerly pay with one bale of cotton now calls for two? We do not propose to argue the mat

ter now, but merely call attention to some recent statements made by the Financial News of London, one of the organs of Lombard street. It is curious that a fact which American financiers (so-called) deny should meet prompt recognition in the very bowels as it were of monometallism. "What is to be the ultimate fate of silver?" says the London Financial News, is not however, the main matter of immediate concern. The interest of everybody is centered just now in a far more urgent question, although one not disconnected with the fall in silvernamely the, the appreciation of gold." The Financial News goes on to declare that "it is the continual ceaseless, resolute competition for gold that is causing all the mischief-depressing values, and threatening the world with consethe world does not keep pace with the currency needs of the constantly in-

creasing populations of the world." These are strong and true words-so strong that we feel impelled to explain again that they are not uttered by any 'silver inflationist" at the south or west, but by a single gold standard organ at the headquarters of monometallism-the Financial News of London. How is it that the London editor has the boldness to announce a fact that is fatal to his theory and policy, while American goldolators angrily deny its existence? We leave the discussion of this question to those who have the patience to waylay the organs of goldolatry and try to catch them telling the truth.

There are whispers that those who nanage the finances of India are considering the propriety of demonetizing silver and erecting the single gold standard there. This would mean a new demand for gold, and would simply add to the grinding process that is destroying the productive and commercial prosperity of the world. The Financial News of London is afraid that the American republic will sell its silver at a sacrifice and enter into the scramble for gold regardless of the ordinary considerations of profit or loss. This is what the money power is drivng at, and this is why it has been moving heaven and earth to secure the unconditional repeal of the silver act of 1890; but they will not succeed. The people whose prosperity is at stake will have more real strength in the new congress than they have in the present body, and if their representatives remain true to the obligations they have assumed and the pledges they have made, the repeal of the silver law wil mean the substitution of a law which completely recognizes silver as money or as a basis for currency notes.

Commenting on the practical result of the repeal of the silver law here, followed by the inevitable scramble among the nations of the earth for sufficiency of gold to maintain their currency, the London organ says: Probably England would be able to

A general insufficiency of the standard metal would put up money rates, disturb confidence, and paralyze trade. There would probably be a general the day, sufficiently condensed to mee convulsion, with economic conse such as no one can very clearly It is obvious that anything which tends ipon the prices of commodities with disastrous effect. The position is already quite serious enough. Shortsighted optimists may flatter them- yearly subscriptions to the Weekly. selves that commercial conditions are will receive one copy free for a year. low that agriculture as a trade is threat-ened with extinction in England. The cotton industry can only maintain itself, paradoxical though it may sound, by enforced periods of idleness. Our shipping trade is in a deplorably bad condition, and the central pivot of all these evils is the restriction in the

The situation here is not as bad as it is in England, but it is rapidly approaching that point. The country is more expansive and more productive than England, and the average man is more prosperous here than he is there: but for these very reasons the results of the continued appreciation of gold will be more serious here and will be more seriously resented by the people who, after all, control the politicians.

There is one fact connected with the appreciation of gold that no thoughful person can have failed to observe (and that even the thoughtless will perceive before very long)-namely, that all the conditions affecting the movements of gold have changed during the past twelve months. This is shown by the continued exports of gold from this country, even at a loss. This outflow has been going on for some time, and the repeal of a hundred Sherman laws would not change it. Europe realizes that the increase in the value of gold means something serious in the end, and she is fortifying herself against the convulsions that must ensue. hindering trade, killing agriculture There are two remedies one doubtful and complicated and the other simple. quences which only the willfully blind | One is for the United States to enter refuse to see. If there is one incontro- into the competition for gold and get vertible and dominant fact in the situ- it by paying a premium for it. This ation, it is that the gold production of remedy cannot and will not be carried bimetallism, the policy set forth in the the democratic platform—the policy to which the party is solemnly pledged.— Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution

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